

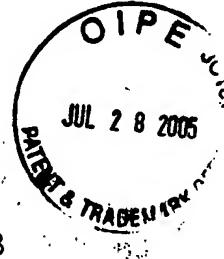
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Buchi Reddy REGURI et al.

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Examiner: Bernard Dentz

For: AN IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF MONOKETALS OF
1,4-CYCLOHEXANEDIONE INCLUDING 1,4-CYCLOHEXANEDIONE MONO-2,2-
DIMETHYL TRIMETHYLENE KETAL

26 July 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on 4 February 2005, which Action is non-final, in which claims 1-25 are pending and have been rejected in the above-identified patent application. Applicants are petitioning concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to that Office Action for three months from 4 May 2005 up to and including 4 August 2005 and are paying the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

Authorization is hereby given to charge **Deposit Account No. 50-3221**, in the name of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc., for the \$100.00 that is currently due for presentation of two additional claims. A duplicate of this page is enclosed.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the following Amendment and Response and pass the above-identified application to issue. Kindly amend the specification and claims of the subject application as follows. Upon entry of the amendments, the claims pending for further consideration will be those of the listing beginning on page 3.